

The Region 3 News Update

We're here to help you prepare for those really bad days

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WHO PanFlu Alert Level

6

U.S. Terrorism Threat Level

Yellow

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Joint Planning Board & Advisory Committee Meeting June 8th

Registration is now closed for the upcoming June 8th joint meeting of the Board and Advisory Committee. As of now, we have 60 partners registered to attend.

All members of the Board and Advisory Committee have been asked to complete an online questionnaire through Survey Monkey before June 3rd. If you are a member of either or both of these two groups, please take a few minutes to complete this survey tool. Once compiled, the data provided will greatly assist us in the planning for the next two to three years of projects.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the survey, please contact Jim in the Regional Office at the number shown on the UPDATE masthead above.

Update on the Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference

Our annual Cornerstones Conference this year, on June 17th will focus on caring for Special Needs Populations during disasters. There will be one track specifically for Long Term Care

agencies presented by two, internationally published speakers who specialize in disaster management and the frail/elderly.

We also have speakers who will share information on helping those with mental health disorders, Deaf and/or Blind individuals, bariatric patients, and those with service animals during mass disasters.

Protecting critical infrastructure and key resources, assisting patients in the decontamination process, new information on pediatric disaster management, and guidance for providing care during times of scarce resources will be also be presented.

New this year is the addition of several vendors who were invited to display their emergency preparedness wares. Region 3 is able to offer this conference, which includes all resource materials, food, and beverages, free to our participants through funding provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness Programs.

Registration is filling up quickly. If you plan to attend please register at our website, www.region3hpn.org, as soon as possible.

Psychological First Aide Training Coming in July

Region 3 is moving forward with plans to offer Psychological Training at SVSU on July 20th. This course is geared toward Medical Reserve

Corps, mental health specialists, disaster relief organizations, Citizens Corps, and other responders who will be assisting people in the immediate aftermath of disasters and terrorism.

Psychological First Aid is recommended as the standard, acute Behavioral Health Intervention by the CDC, World Health Organization, SAMHSA, the National Institute for Mental Health and many other professional organizations.

Psychological First Aid is aimed at reducing initial post-traumatic distress and supporting short and long-term functioning following mass disaster events.

Registration is open and can be accessed through our website at www.region3hpn.org. This free training is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness Program and includes the course manual as well as breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

Long Term Care News

In an effort to comprehensively evaluate the level of preparedness for each of the 66 Long Term Care agencies we identified in Region 3, we sent out surveys asking multiple questions pertaining to all hazards preparedness. The State is strongly encouraging each region to focus more diligently on LTCs this next fiscal year and Region 3 is committed to taking a leadership role in gaining new LTC partners.

Understanding that these agencies are chronically challenged to complete the multiple tasks given to them by outside agencies, we decided to provide a little extra motivation for returning these surveys in a timely manner.

We were very excited to see over a 33% return rate on these surveys. We are currently reviewing all responses and plan to have the results available in the next month.

Each agency who returned their surveys had their name put into a drawing for the "incentive prizes." We are happy to announce that Lincoln Haven won the *LifeSecure* Infection Protection Kit, and Hoyt Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre won the grand prize; a half day of seated chair massage for staff members.

This was promoted as a belated Nurses' Week surprise on Tuesday, May 25th. By the smiles on their face at the end of each massage, staff members were very pleased with this treat.

As a reminder to all LTC staff, don't forget to sign up for the June 17th Cornerstones Conference. At the direction of our current Long Term Care partners who serve on our Training and Exercise Workgroup, we have made an effort to provide quality information from highly trained presenters to boost your ability to be prepared for any disaster. Please see the previous page for registration information.

**Remember to register for the
MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY – it's a great
way to help your neighbors, our
community and the State! For more
information, go to:
www.mivolunteerregistry.org**

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Cornerstones in Preparedness Conference
June 17, 2010 at the Dow
Event Center – SEE THE
ATTACHED FLYER! You
can register NOW!**
- **Psychological First Aid
training (ideal for Medical
Reserve Corps personnel)
July 20, 2010 at SVSU.
You can register NOW!
At:
www.region3hpn.org**

Deployment and Inspection Exercises Continue for All MCI and ACC Trailers in the Region

Over the last month, the Regional Office has been holding deployment tests combined with full inspections of the 5 Acute Care Center (ACC) and 3 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) trailers in the Region.

As of today, we have completed 6 of the 8 inspections with generally very good results. We hope to completed these inspections by the middle of June.

Thanks to all our trailer host agencies for your support!

Upcoming Meetings

Joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and Planning Board, June 8th at 10:00 AM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI.

Reminder: Hospital and MCA Submission Deadline for Reimbursement for Attendees to the Spring Homeland Security Conference is CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 17th! Contact the Regional Office with any questions.

Quote of the Day:

I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day.

I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing

it where their valor placed it.
We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.

Benjamin Harrison



**HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY
- AND REMEMBER TO THANK A VET.**

**The Region 3 Healthcare
Preparedness Network
Is pleased to announce the availability of**

FREE!

On Line Training.

These four *FIVE* modules are now available on
MITRAIN (<https://mi.train.org>)

- Region 3 MCC Operations
 - Region 3 ACC Trailer
 - Region 3 MCI Trailer
 - Region 3 Radio Systems
- *NEW COURSE! - REGION 3
ORIENTATION!!!*

The 1st four offer EMS CE credit!

To find the courses, after registering and logging into MITRAIN, go to the "Course Search" tab (at the top of the page) and click on "Key Word Search" under the Search Options (on the left side of the page.) Type in "Region 3" and the courses will be listed. Just select the course you want.

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

Enjoy your FREE learning experience!

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